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STATE OF MAINE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STATE HOUSE

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 9, 1987

MEETING SUMMARY

APPROVED OCTOBER 18, 1987

SEN. NANCY RANDALL CLARK
SEN. DENNIS L. DUTREMBLE
SEN. THOMAS R. PERKINS
SEN. CHARLES M. WEBSTER
REP. JOHN N. DIAMOND
REP. DAN A. GWADOSKY
REP. THOMAS W. MURPHY, JR.
REP. EUGENE J. PARADIS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order in the Council Chambers by the Chair, Senator Pray, at 8:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: Sen. Clark, Sen. Dutremble, Sen. Perkins, Sen. Pray, Sen. Webster

Representatives: Rep. Diamond, Rep. Gwadosky, Rep. Martin, Rep. Murphy, Rep. Paradis

Legislative Officers:

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| Sally Diamond | Executive Director, Legislative Council |
| Peter Siegel | Law Librarian |
| Bent Schlosser | Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review |
| Helen Ginder | Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis |
| David Silsby | Revisor of Statutes |
| John H. Bailey | Information Systems Director |

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The summaries of the September 16 and October 5, 1987 meetings were approved and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Murphy; unanimous).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Approved Out-of-State Travel

Sally Diamond, Executive Director, reported that she had approved the following out-of-state travel requests:

Grant Pennoyer, Office of Fiscal and Program Review,
Legislative Task Force to Study the Retirement System,
Washington, D.C., October 13 & 14.

Kevin Madigan, Office of Fiscal and Program Review,
Tax Seminar, Washington, D.C., October 19.

Motion: That the Director's Report be accepted and placed on file (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

Step Increase for David Silsby, Revisor of Statutes

Ms. Diamond recommended that this item be referred to the Personnel Committee for review, consistent with the Council's policy.

Motion: That the item be referred to the Personnel Committee for review (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Sen. Tuttle and Rep. Carroll sent a letter requesting that the Council reconsider a previous request for payment of travel expenses for witnesses to appear before the subcommittee studying Mandated Reimbursements.

Motion: That the request be approved with the following provisions: 1)that the total amount not exceed \$800; and 2)that only those invited from other states be eligible for reimbursement (Motion by Rep. Clark; second by Sen. Perkins; unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request from Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development

Sen. Andrews and Rep. Crowley, Committee Chairs, sent a letter requesting two additional meetings to complete the committee's study of Regional Economies.

Motion: That the request be approved (Motion by Sen. Clark; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

Item #2: Proposed Fee Schedule for Document Service for Second Regular Session

Ed Pert, Clerk of the House, submitted a proposed schedule of fees for Legislative Document Service for the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature.

Motion: That the proposed fee schedule be approved (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

Item #3: Request from Rep. Ketover to invite NCSL provide technical assistance to the Commission to Study School-Based Health Services

Rep. Ketover sent a letter requesting that the Council authorize technical assistance from NCSL's state service program to the Commission.

Motion: That the request be approved with the stipulation that it would be of no expense to the State (Motion by Rep. Diamond; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

Motion: That the proposal to be submitted to NCSL be reviewed and approved prior to submission by the Executive Director (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

Item #4: Requests for Introduction of Legislation to First Special Session

A list of Bill Requests considered by the Council and a summary of the Council's action is attached.

RECESS

The Legislative Council recessed at 9:55 a.m. (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).

RECONVENE

The Legislative Council reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item #5: Requests to Carry Over Bills

A list of Carry Over Requests considered by the Council and a summary of the Council's action is attached.

Item #3: Request from Rep. Ketover to invite NCSL provide technical assistance to the Commission to Study School-Based Health Services

The Executive Director informed the Council that Rep. Ketover, who had requested the Council's approval of technical assistance to the Commission, was not a member of the Commission and that the Commission itself was still considering whether to request NCSL's assistance.

Motion: That the Council's previous action to approve the request be contingent upon receipt of a letter from the Commission itself and that the Executive Director be directed to write a letter to Sen. Maybury, Commission Chair, informing her of this action (Motion by Rep. Martin; second by Rep. Gwadosky; unanimous).

RECESS

The Legislative Council recessed at 11:10 a.m. (Motion by Rep. Clark; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

RECONVENE

The Legislative Council reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Item #4: Request for Introduction of Legislation to First Special Session

Sen. Pray requested approval for introduction of the following bill:

An Act to Amend the Insurance Laws Relating to the Type of Coverage Provided by Insurance Carriers.
ACCEPTED 6-4.

Item #5: Request from Rep. Martin to contract with outside consultants related to Worker's Compensation.

Motion: That the Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$80,000 for the purpose of contracting with an actuarial consultant and an economist who shall both act as consultants to the Legislative Council for the following purposes: 1) providing an objective examination of issues of insurance company profitability, including an analysis of the alternative methods of profit analysis and their implications for profitability; 2) advising the Legislative Council on these issues and; 3) preparing recommendations for review by the Legislative Council and submission to the Legislature. And, further, that these consultants shall be hired by the Executive Director with the approval of the Council Chair and that the Executive Director shall make suitable arrangements for payment on the basis of documentation of work completed. (Motion by Sen. Pray; second by Sen. Dutremble; unanimous).

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.
(Motion by Sen Pray; second by Sen. Clark; unanimous).